

ORDER
SPECIAL CLOSURE
USDA Forest Service

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) the following act is prohibited on National Forest System Lands in an area known as Catherine Creek Arch, and as described in Exhibit A, within the County of Klickitat, State of Washington, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. This prohibition shall be in effect until further notice.

Go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of: 36 CFR 261.53 (b) & (c):

(b) Special biological communities

(c) Objects or areas of historical, archeological, geological or paleontological interest

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.53(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Hood River, Oregon this 1st day of February 2012.



Lynn Burditt
Area Manager
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551, and 18 U.S.C 3559 & 3571)

ORDER NO. CRGNSA-12-01

EXHIBIT A

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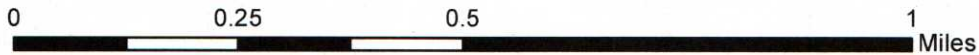
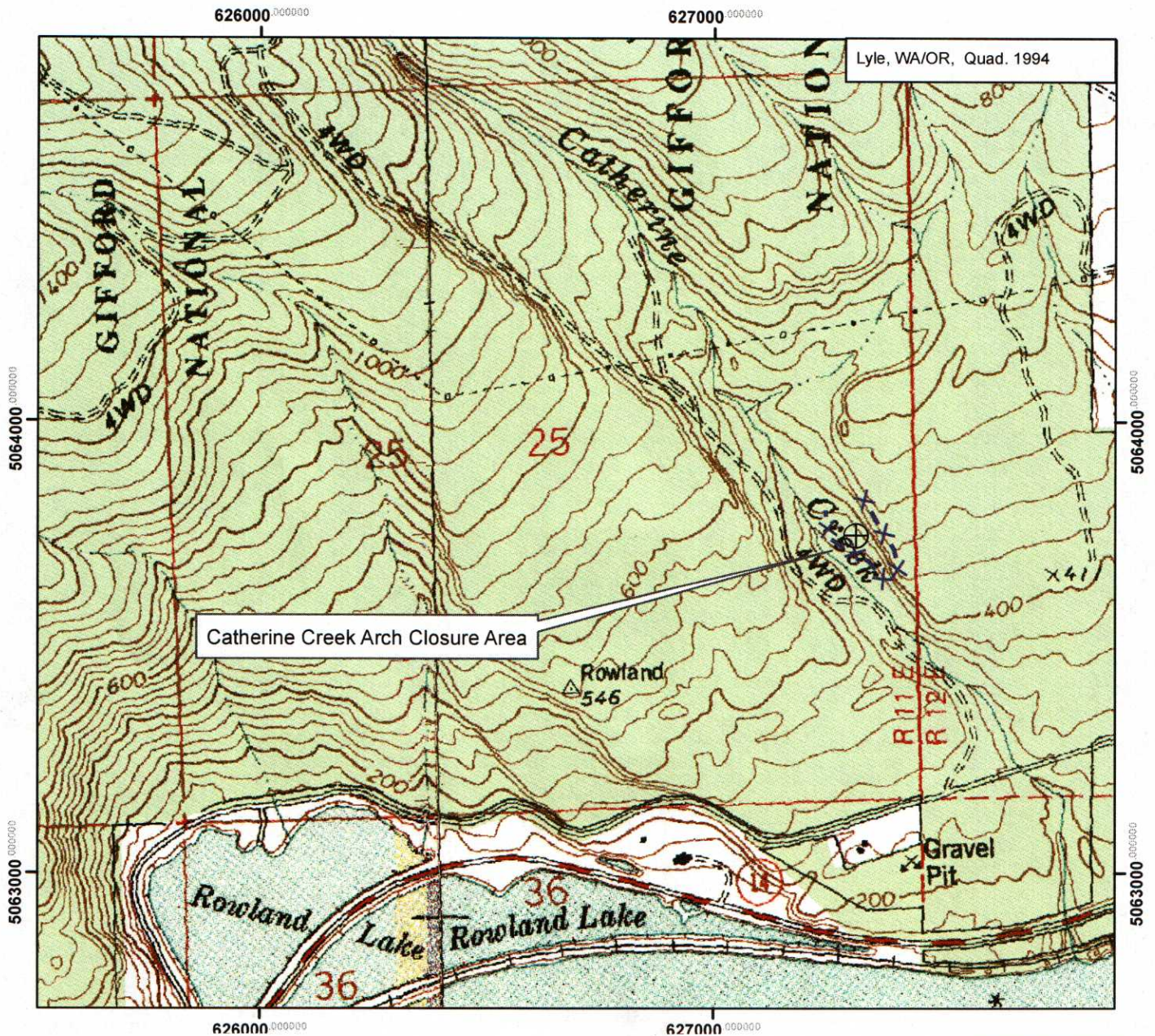
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The closure area is within section 25 of Township 3 North, Range 11 East, and Willamette Meridian, on National Forest Systems Land and encompassing the geologic feature known as Catherine Creek Arch as delineated on the ground with a wood rail fence within the County of Klickitat, State of Washington, and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Latitude and Longitude location: 121.21.51.11W and 45.42.56.000N

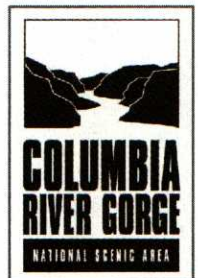
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Township 2 North, Range 11 East, Section 25
 Latitude and Longitude location: 121.21.51.11W and 45.42.56.000N

Legend

- Arch
- Fence



CATHERINE CREEK ARCH AREA CLOSURE MAP

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. Catherine Creek Arch is a sensitive ecological habitat, geological feature and site of importance to the Indian people of the Columbia River gorge. The area has a moderate amount of use by pedestrians and day-use visitors. Climbing on the talus slope, below the arch, climbing on the arch, and climbing through the arch disturbs the habitat and cultural values of the geologic formation. Climbing also has the potential to damage the geological feature and to put the public at risk.
2. This Order will be for the duration of critical sensitivity.
 - National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 United States Code (USC) 470 et seq.)
 - Archeological Resources Protection Act (16 USC 470aa et seq.)
 - Washington State Laws for Archaeological Site Excavations (RCW§27.53.040 through §27.53.050)
3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in the public acceptance and safety:

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	Marge Dryden, Heritage Program Manager	January 18, 2012
	Joseph Cook, Law Enforcement Officer	January 19, 2012
Review proposed order	Andrew Coriell, Patrol Captain	_____
Approve proposed order	Lynn Burditt, Area Manager	<u>2/1/12</u>
Post order in accordance With 36 CFR 261.51	LE&I to post Order in Offices M. Dryden to post order elsewhere	_____
Do not issue news releases Without prior consultation with participating Tribes	Jennifer Kevil, PAO M. Dryden, Heritage Program Mgr.	_____

Describe implementation/action. Catherine Creek Arch is wholly on National Forest System Lands and coordination with other law enforcement officers is not necessary. Notices describing the closure regulation could be posted at the corral below the arch and along the trail above the arch.

SUPPORTING STATE LAWS

Code Book: Revised Code of Washington

Citation: §27.53.040 through §27.53.050

Section Title: Archeological resources, abandoned archeological resources: definitions

Summary:

Declares the following to be archeological resources: all sites, objects, structures, artifacts, implements and locations of prehistorical or archeological interest, whether previously recorded or still unrecognized, including those pertaining to prehistoric and historic American Indian or aboriginal burials, campsites, dwellings and habitation sites, including rock shelters and caves, their artifacts and implements of culture such as projectile points, arrowheads, skeletal remains, grave goods, basketry, pestles, mauls and grinding stones, knives, scrapers, rock carvings and paintings and other implements and artifacts of any material that are located in, on or under the surface of any lands or waters owned by or under the possession, custody or control of the state or any county, city or political subdivision of the state. Declares to be the public property of the state all historic archeological resources abandoned for thirty years or more in, on or under the surface of any public lands or waters, owned by or under the possession, custody or control of the state, including all ships or aircraft and any part of the contents thereof, and all treasure trove.

NEPA:

BURDOIN MTN, COYOTE WALL, CATHERINE CREEK AREA RECREATION PLAN - Environmental Assessment and Review for Consistency with the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Management Plan Including an Update to the Burdoin Mtn, Catherine and Major Creeks Open Space Plan June 2010

"Revised Alternative 2 – Proposed Action

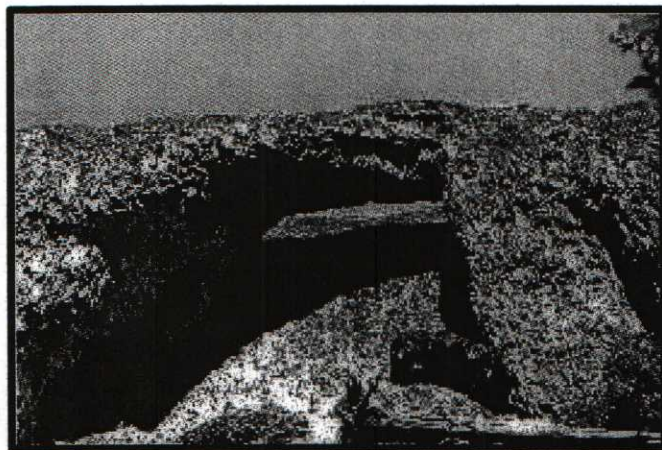
The trail system proposed in this alternative (Figure 6) is based on the original work of the collaborative group, ideas collected during the 30-day scoping period (April 22, 2008), subsequent Decision Notice (March 20, 2009), input during the appeal period (November 5, 2009), and comments collected during the final 30-day scoping period (March 2, 2010), and a final analysis by the Forest Service interdisciplinary team members during spring 2010. Public comment along with a detailed analysis by the Forest Service revealed the need for additional changes of the Original Alternative 2 (April 22, 2009) with selected modifications (March 20, 2009). The following changes were made:

- Public scoping comments from March 2, 2010 indicated that placement of a pedestrian trail near Minor Creek could create additional impacts to wildflower species within this drainage. The lower Catherine Creek loop trail Ca4 (Figure 10) was relocated out of the Minor Creek drainage and eliminated the need for a small trail connector to old Hwy 8.
- Construction of a buck and pole-type fence enclosure (approximately 2-acres) to protect the Catherine Creek Arch natural feature and the adjacent talus slope.
- Implementation of a closure order to prohibit entry within the fenced enclosure (EA 2010:27).

Decision signed by Daniel Harkenrider January 2011 Decision Notice and FONSI (pages 2 and 5 specifically address the fence and closure order).

Throughout time, remarkable geologic features such as mountains, rock formations and waterfalls, have held special, legendary, cultural or sacred meaning to people.

Catherine Creek Arch is one of those features.



Be respectful and remain outside of the fenced area.

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